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## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment after Final Rejection is being filed pursuant to a telephone interview between Applicants' Agent and the Examiner on July 1, 1999. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for a two-month extension of time and Notice of Appeal are being filed concurrently together with the appropriate fee.

Please cancel Claims 18-23 and 76-78.